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DECLARATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY AND PETITION

We, Kazuo Uchida, residing and having a post office address of 382, Hazukashi-furukawacho, Fushimiku, Kyoto 612-8486, Japan, and Shinichi Mashiba, residing and having a post office address of 382, Hazukashi-furukawacho, Fushimiku, Kyoto 612-8486, Japan, declare that we are citizens of Japan. We believe that we are the original inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**METHOD FOR DETECTING LOW DENSITY LIPOPROTEIN(LDL)
OR DENATURED LOW DENSITY LIPOPROTEIN IN BLOOD**

the specification of which was filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on July 19, 2000 under Serial No. 09/619,148.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendments referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a).

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed: Japanese Patent Applications 11-207913 filed on July 22, 1999 and 2000-12210 filed on January 20, 2000.

We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section

120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Section 112, we acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application: NONE

The undersigned hereby appoint Angelo J. Bufalino, Reg. No. 29,622, James T. FitzGibbon, Reg. No. 20,592, Thomas D. Paulius, Reg. No. 30,792, Richard A. Zachar, Reg. No. 25,560, Ludwig E. Kolman, Reg. No. 32,473, Matthew P. Pasulka, Reg. No. 42,981, and Michael J. Turgeon, Reg. No. 39,404, its attorneys, with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application, to make alterations and amendments therein, to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office in connection therewith, and to receive the Letters Patent. Please address all correspondence to:

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The undersigned Petitioners declare further that all statements made herein of their own knowledge are true and that all statements made herein of their information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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Dated: Sept. 17, 2001

Shinichi Mashiba

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